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Abbitt's Retirement

by Calvin H. Robinson

It seems but yesterday when friends and admirers here in Appomattox rallied to the news that our young Commonwealth's Attorney would seek to represent our District in the Congress of The United States. The veteran Patrick H. Drewry, of Petersburg had passed to his reward, and a respected State Senator, Hon. Marton Goode had announced as a candidate to succeed him. Appomattox was at the far western end of the District and only lately redistricted from the old Tenth District, long and ably represented by the late Harry St. George Tucker and A. Willis Robertson and more briefly by the late Judge Joel Flood. Population advantages favored the eastern end of the Fourth District. Yes, it seems but yesterday, as we recall what a great campaign effort followed, ending in victory for Mr. Abbitt. Many of our citizens remember election night that year as hundreds of supporters assembled at the court house to await the returns. It was a glorious victory for one of the finest men in our long and honorable history.

During the campaign, The Times-Virginian went all-out to support Mr. Abbitt. We wrote that he was the sort of public servant who could be elected and re-elected to build up all important seniority and who would faithfully represent his constituents. How right we were! Mr. Abbitt gained appointment to the Committee on Agriculture and soon became one of the experts in farm matters handling legislation so vital to our economy. Furthermore, Mr. Abbitt became a champion of the Conservative approach to public policy. He gained the respect of fellow Congressmen and went about his duties with skill and a natural gift for public affairs.

It is a testimony to his career that Mr. Abbitt rarely faced opposition for re-election. Many have said that Watt Abbitt knew, on a first-name basis, more people in his district than any other man in public life in Virginia. More than that, for he became the State Chairman for his party and was in constant demand for public appearances. The selection of an outstanding office staff enabled him to travel his District without neglecting his duties and the spread-out geography of his district, kept him in constant travel. Yet he found time to keep his home ties in Appomattox, with his church and civic groups and law practice, "A Man for All Seasons."

Somehow it is hard to realize that he has announced his retirement as of the end of his present term. We can only yield to his judgment. A new redistricting brought up a situation upon which he has decided that he can now safely "come home to Appomattox." Many of his friends think Watt Abbitt should make himself available for Governor. That would be a fitting climax to his great career.

As a Conservative, Mr. Abbitt was not always on the winning side in Congressional voting, but we are convinced that his convictions were sound and will eventually prevail.

The Times-Virginian congratulates Mr. Abbitt upon his outstanding career and feels that his usefulness will be called upon for future assignments.

When they call the roll in Washington, Abbitt is first on the alphabetical list. It is also first on our list.

HAIRDRESSER GIVES TIME TO ELDERLY

Mrs. Peggy Watson, formerly of Appomattox, and a hairdresser in Phenix, has left a paying job to donate her services to women patients at a nursing home.

In an article released a few days ago by Associated Press, Mrs. Watson reveals that she spends a few days a week at the home giving permanents and setting hair for the elderly who are unable to go out to a beauty parlor.

"I never have though about it much because I felt the Lord wanted me to do this. I think we all ought to be more alert to what God wants us to do."

Mrs. Watson's husband, George, is a department head at an electric equipment company in Phenix. They have two sons.

HEREFORD SALE

C. J. Carter, Gladstone was among the purchasers recently of polled hereford bulls sold by the Va. Polled Hereford Association which held a successful sale in Charlottesville. Twenty-two bulls sold to a large crowd for a strong $544 average, up $108 over last year's sale. The F. G. Baldwin Farm, Prospect, selected the second top selling bull of the stant demand for public appearances. The selection of an outstanding office staff enabled him to travel his District without neglecting his duties and the spread-out geography of his district, kept him in constant travel. Yet he found time to keep his home ties in Appomattox, with his church and civic groups and law practice, "A Man for All Seasons."

The Pastor Speaks

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

REALLY ONE!

Lesson for March 19, 1972

Background Scripture: Acts 4:32-37; Romans 15
Devotional Reading: I Peter 1:3-9

Some people don't read the Bible because they feel they can't understand it. Others don't read it because they do understand it and don't like what they understand!

The passage in Acts 4:32-27 is one of those that has the capacity to disturb some readers of the Bible. For one thing, the economic practices of that little band of Christians strikes some discerning readers as being somewhat Communistic. The writer of Acts seems to say that there was no private property: ". . . no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common" (4:32b).

"As Any Had Need"

Furthermore, distribution of goods was not on the basis of labor or merit: ". . . distribution was made to each as any had need" (4:35). This does sound like a primitive Marxism where productivity does not provide for accumulation of private wealth and capital. Immediately we begin to think of those age-old questions: How can there be any incentive in a society like this? Doesn't this encourage some people to live off the labor of others? Etc.

Their method of holding "everything in common" and distributing goods "to each as any had need" had one overriding purpose: to meet fully the needs of all who were in the fellowship! And apparently they were successful, for the writer of Acts tells us: "There was not a needy person among them . . . (4:34).

What we have here is not a primitive Marxist ideology, but an expression of Christian unity, this fellowship was a "company of those who believed . . . of one heart and soul." From this oneness there grew a concern for each other's welfare.

Reason For Their Power

Jesus had prayed for their oneness and had explained the spiritual basis for their unity. They knew they were called to be one fellowship, but it was in their evident concern for each other that they demonstrated their oneness was real. Christian unity and fellowship may be prayed for, sung and preached about, and earnestly proclaimed, but if it is not evident in the way we respond to the needs of one another, we are not really one.

But does this mean that we too must possess "everything in common" and put our material wealth into a common pool? No, the method is not so important so long as we carry out the same purpose they had: to care for one another's needs. What God calls us to achieve is a Christian fellowship where there are no needy persons because in one way or another we have shared what we have and demonstrated that we are really one.

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N & W CARS AGAIN IN NEWS

Two Norfolk and Western railway cars loaded with sand made news in the TIMES-VIRGINIAN of March 9 when one of them traveled too fast on a loading wharf at J. E. Sears and Co. Tues., March 7 and toppled over the barrier.

N & W workers came to Appomattox on Thursday to break up the damaged cars for scrap. They used a blow torch on a section the loading wharf and at 6:30 Thursday evening firemen were called to extinguish fire in wood pilings at the site. An eighth grader, Donald Mosses, spotted the fire and alerted Ivey Holland, Sears secy.-treasurer. Holland praised Donald for his help, and local volunteers extinguished the fire.

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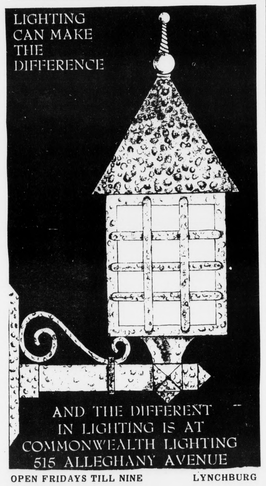

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Harvey presented a speech to the F.B.L.A. Chapter.

FBLA News

Appomattox County High Future Business Leaders of America held a chapter meeting on Thursday, March 2 in the high school auditorium. The president carried on the business of the meeting, after which Harvey gave a speech which will be presented at the district meeting at Longwood College on Saturday, March 4.

NAKVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Lewis of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin have returned from their trip through Florida and Mississippi. They saw all the interesting places in Florida and the week end they spent with their cousin in Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith is spending their children in Richmond and Norfolk this week. Mrs. Lewis returned from Mt. Comfort where she attended the movie at Liberty Church Sunday evening. The Lord of Richmond had visitors and explained the movie and it was very interesting.

Mr. Richard Martin, of Richmond, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Moore will be coming home this week end. He has been in the Virginia University Hospital in Charlottesville for some time.

Mr. Kenneth Moore, of Beckley, West Virginia, is ill. Do hope him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Martin visited his uncle, Mr. John Martin, in the hospital Monday evening. Glad to say he is better.

GLADSTONE

"You cannot contrue the length of your life. But you can control its width and depth."

Mrs. Joyce Jarrett and children from Maryland, were week end guests of Mrs. Jarrett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scruggs.

Mrs. Anne Carter, of Crewe, visited friends here this week.

Mrs. Julia Brown, of Lynchburg, was Saturday guest of her sister, Mrs. Lula Smoot and her mother, Mrs. Ada Stinson.

Friends were sorry to hear of the death last week of Mrs. Annie Coleman Hicks. We extend Christian sympathy to the family.

Mrs. William Quinn's brother, Caleb Cryus, has returned to his home in Lynchburg after being a patient for several weeks in McGuire Hospital, Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farrar and children, of Amherst, were Saturday night guest of Mrs. Farrar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Quinn. Nellie Quinn, of Lynchburg, spent the week end also.

Mr. Austin Drumheller, of Richmond, spent last week in the home of Mr. Harry Balton.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Munsey and children, of Lynchburg, were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolton.

Mrs. Charles R. Brown was the guest last week in the home of her son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Julian W. Banton in Richmond.

Mrs. Louise Horsley was Sunday guest of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Francis McFadden.

Mrs. Mamie Cappelle, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Bea Wallace of Gladstone was guest last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Wallace in Lexington.

Mrs. Royal Moore spent the week end at her home here. She has been staying in Charlottesville, where Mr. Moore has been a patient in the University of Virginia Hospital, for several months.

Miss Becky Montgomery, of Charlotte, N.C., spent Friday night with Miss Vicki Moore.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions last week was held in the home of Mrs. W. E. Akers. W. M.S. members gave the programs each night: Monday night, Preparing for Missions, Mrs. O. L. Brown; Tuesday night, Ministering to Human Need, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright; Wednesday Night, Extending the Church, Mrs. Edna Spiggle; Thursday night, Crossing Cultural Barriers, Mrs. Margaret Quinn; Friday night, Using New Methods, Mrs. Sue Washburn.

PAMPLIN

Mrs. Eleanor Worsham of Columbia, S. C. spent last Tuesday and Wednesday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson. Mr. Richardson returned home last Friday after undergoing surgery at the University Hospital, Charlottesville.

Confirmation classes on church membership will be held on Saturdays March 11, 18 and 25 beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 12 noon, at the Pamplin United Methodist Church because of the central location. All youth who have previously joined the church and who have not had instruction classes on church membership are required to participate. The churches on the charge are Piney Ridge, Evergreen and Centenary United Methodist Churches.

Mr. P. G. Reynolds and Mr. Foster Reynolds of Red House returned last Sunday from a weeks stay at Las Vegas, Nev., where they attended the Southside Rural Electrification Conference.

Mr. Isaac Wilkerson of Prospect returned home after an extended stay at McGuire's Hospital, Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Harper of Richmond visited Mrs. Harper's sister and brother, Mrs. Fanny Tillery and Mr. Ernest Womack last Sunday.

The Pamplin Home Demonstration Club will meet Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Ada Lucado. The demonstration will be given on "Fun with Foreign Food".

Mr. Barry Elder of Bluefield College visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder last week end.

Mrs. Carroll Kay spent last week end in Washington, D.C. While there she attended a D. A. R. meeting in honor of her mother.

The Annual Laymen's Spring Retreat will be held March 18 and 19 at the Blackstone Assembly Center. Former Governor Mills Godwin will the movie at Saturday evening at 7:30 and the Bishop will preach on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Weaver announce the birth of a daughter, born March 8 at Southside Community Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Campbell returned to their home in Prospect last week after a months vacation in Florida.

The Rev. Clark Neptune, pastor of Spring Creek Baptist Church and Bethpeor Baptist Church at Five Forks has accepted pastorage of a field of churches at Wadestown, W.Va. Rev. Neptune has been pastor of these two churches for the last five years. Rev. and Mrs. Neptune will leave April 1st.

Mr. Tommy Goin is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

APPOMATTOX PRIMARY

Mon., Mar. 20 – Hot dog on bun with dressing and onions, cole slaw, buttered corn, ice cream, milk.

Tues., Mar. 21 – Sliced meat, hot rolls, whipped potatoes, gravy, green vetable, ice cream, milk.

Wed., Mar. 22 – Barbecue on bun, blackeye peas, baked tomatoes, peanut butter cracker, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Thurs., Mar. 23 – Hamburger on bun, potato chips, lettuce & tomato, banana podding, milk.

Fri., Mar. 24 – Vegetable soup with beef, crackers, toasted cheese or peanut butter sandwiches, ice cream, milk.

St. Luke

Correction Please – There was a mistake in last week's program notice. The program for St. Luke's Usher Board will be March 19th at 7:30 p.m. and Rev. C. L. Elliott will be guest speaker. All are invited to come and hear this great preacher.

Mrs. Catherine Tweedy is mistress of the ceremonies.

Mrs. Iola Howard, of Boydton, Va., was week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Canada, March 12th.

Choir Rehearsal for the St. Luke Choir will be Sat., March 18th, notice to all choir members.

Named To Dean's List

RICHMOND – Miss Nancye Page Mathews of Appomattox has been named to the dean's list of distinguished students at Westhampton College (Va.) for her work in the first semester.

Dean Mary L. Gehring has announced.

More than 200 students at Westhampton College qualified for the dean's list. Westhampton College is the women's undergraduate division of the University of Richmond, and has an enrollment of more than 600 students.

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